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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Geoffrey P. Atchinson and Mitchell A. Valentine
Application No. : 09/477,637
Filed : January 3, 2000

Docket No. : 600057.031
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PROTEST UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.291(a)

Commissioner for Patents:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.291(a), submitter wishes to make known to the Patent and Trademark Office, United States Patent No. 4,774,434, filed August 13, 1986, and issued September 27, 1988.

Form PTO-1449 and a copy of the cited reference are enclosed.

This Protest, along with attachments, is being submitted in duplicate. Please consider the submitted reference. A self-addressed postcard is included to indicate acknowledgement and receipt of this Protest Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.291(a).

Respectfully submitted,
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**FEE TRANSMITTAL
UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION**

DATE: January 3, 2000

Docket No. : 36457/JWE/R439
Inventor(s) : Geoffrey P. Atchinson, et al.
Title : COMPACT, FLEXIBLE LED ARRAY

FEE CALCULATIONS					
CLAIMS		NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE	CALCULATIONS
A	TOTAL CLAIMS	23 - 20 =	3	3 x \$9.00	\$ 27.00
B	INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	3 - 3 =	-0-	-0- x \$39.00	\$ -0-
C	SUBTOTAL SMALL ENTITY FEE = A + B LARGE ENTITY FEE = 2 X (A + B)				27.00
D	BASIC FEE SMALL ENTITY FEE = \$345.00 LARGE ENTITY FEE = \$690.00				345.00
E	MULTIPLE-DEPENDENT CLAIMS FEE SMALL ENTITY FEE = \$130.00 LARGE ENTITY FEE = \$260.00				-0-
F	TOTAL FILING FEE (ADD LINES C, D, AND E)				372.00
List Independent Claims: 1, 14, 20					

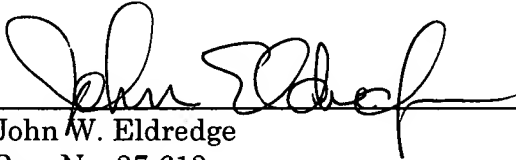
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 X The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required during the **entire pendency** of the application to Deposit Account No. 03-1728. Please show our docket number with any charge or credit to our Deposit Account. **A copy of this letter is enclosed.**

Respectfully submitted,

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